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REMARKS

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1. On 9 October 1953, source observed no Soviet troops in the Grammenburg-Nauen-Rathenow-Plaue-Brandenburg area. At 6:30 a.m., a rail shipment of 10 rocket launchers and 3 trucks was seen in Bostzow coming from the south and proceeding toward the west.¹ In the night of 9 October, source observed several convoys of 20 empty trucks each proceeding through Wensickendorf.

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2. At 10 a.m. on 8 October, a train of 4 boxcars, 1 empty flatcar, and 7 flatcars each loaded with one field kitchen, 4 model M-31 rocket launchers

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25X1B were seen at Gross Behnitz railroad station. The train was without locomotive. 2

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3. By 8 October, about two thirds of the unit station at the Kavallerie-Sd. Kdo in Kramnitz had returned. Source observed 18 JS tanks; a large number of trucks, armored personnel carriers, armored scout cars, repair shop trucks, field kitchens and motorcycles. Shed No 62 housed 20 JS tanks or assault guns. 2

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4. Between 9:45 and 10:30 a.m. on 8 October, 30 trucks 30 x 57-mm AT guns and soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets were being loaded on 30 flatcars at Neustrelitz railroad station. Another 7 trucks with 7 x 57-mm AT guns were seen on the approach road to the loading ramp, where ammunition boxes and baggage were piled up. About 5:30 p.m. 20 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets were loading billeting equipment and baggage into four boxcars. 3

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5. At 9:40 a.m. on 7 October, source observed, at Gross Behnitz railroad station, 3 flatcars with billeting equipment, 6 flatcars with trucks and 5 boxcars with soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. At 10:10 a.m., a troop train with 12 JS tanks including Nos 142, 143, 134, 122 and 140 and about 60 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets was standing at Buschow railroad station facing toward Behnitz. At 10:40 a.m. source observed, at the Rathenow railroad station, a troop train with 20 JS tanks, 4 SP guns, about 30 motorcycles, and 5 boxcars with soldiers who

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wore red-bordered black epaulets. The train was headed toward Nennhausen. Nos 200, 211, 214, 231 were identified on tanks. 2

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25X1X 7. At 5 p.m. on 6 October, source observed a rail shipment of 26 T-34 tanks including No 422 proceeding through Eberswalde toward the north. 5

25X1X 8. From 11 p.m. on 3 October to 4 a.m. on 4 October, 16 T-34 tanks including Nos 453 and 485 were being detrained at Neubrandenburg railroad station. Source learned from a railroad man that two other tank shipments and boxcars loaded with soldiers were unloaded after 4 a.m. 6

25X1X 9. At 1:30 p.m. on 3 October, trucks [] were being detrained at Hagenow railroad station. The trucks then proceeded to the airfield. According to a local resident, troop trains had continuously arrived in Hagenow during the preceding week. At 5:45 p.m., source observed a train loaded with motor vehicles, 10x122-mm field howitzers, 10 mortars, probably of 120 mm caliber, proceeding through Klein Warnow toward Ludwigslust. A similar troop train was seen by source at Karstaedt railroad station. 7

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25X1X 10. On 27 September, source found near Lueblow a slip of paper with directives on what to do when the skin or clothes of a soldier had been exposed to chemical warfare agents.

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25X1B The attached copy of the order was earmarked for Lieutenant Colonel Borkin. The order is concerned with preparations for firing practices with live ammunition. One Major Sottsev, in charge of artillery weapons, was also mentioned in the order. 8

25X1A 1. [] Comment. The shipment possibly carried component units of the 90th RL Regt (US) of the Second Gds Mecz Army. According to transportation reports, this shipment [] was dispatched from Velten to Jueterbog. However, in this case the train mentioned would have entered Boetzow railroad station from the north.

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25X1A 2. [] Comment. These shipments were connected with the return to their military posts of component units of the 10th Gds Tank Div. According to transportation reports, a total of 25 troop trains of this division were dispatched from the Letzling Heath area to Satzkorn and Priort between 30 September and 3 October. Empty troop trains observed returning to the Letzling Heath and the observation that, on 8 October, the Kavallerie Schule was only about 65 percent occupied indicate that further shipments will go to the Kavallerie Schule in Kramnitz, [].

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